

Religious Engagements in the Making of the New Kenyan Constitution

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The constitution making process in Kenya has taken so many years. Lives have been lost, tribal animosity has increased, mistrust amongst different politicians has been very evident and many other things have happened in order for Kenya to be where it is today in relation to the constitution. The paper looks at the trajectory of constitutional development in Kenya from just after attaining political independence in 1964 to date. The research focuses on the role of the Christian Church in the constitution making process and how the church is being viewed today as the result of the stand that it took during the 2010 August Referendum that resulted in the current constitution. The paper looks at the role of the Christian church in relation to historically shifting public perceptions of a democratic constitution. By means of historic examples and theoretical reflection, the paper pursues the question of how the Christian church has perceived and constructed both incommunicable Godly attributes and communicable Godly attributes in her pursuit of the new dispensation.